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Tuesday 19th

13:15-14:45 Panel: *Citizenship and Politics in the Middle East* (Gediminas st. 44, 203 room)

Dr. Paul Anderson, Contesting the Space for Citizenship in pre-revolutionary Syria and Egypt

Dr. Giedrė Šabasevičiūtė, Nationalism and citizenship in post-Arab Spring Egypt

Discussant: Prof. Egdūnas Račius

15:00-16:30 Panel: *Conversion to Islam in Europe: Comparative Perspectives* (Gediminas st. 44, 202 room)

Prof. Egdūnas Račius, Conversion to Islam in Lithuania

Mrs Shahla Suleiman, Narratives of Conversion to Islam in Britain: Male and Female Perspectives

17:30-19:30 Informal gathering with students, Pub Res Public

10:00-11:30 Panel: *Comparative Studies in Islam* (Gediminas st. 44, 302 room)

Prof. Egdūnas Račius, The changing face of Islam in the Baltics: from folk Islam to revivalist Islam

Ms Dorothea Ramahi, Intimate strangers: female converts to Islam in Britain in their family contexts

13:15-14:45 Panel: *Intercultural Relations in Europe: A Case of Neo-Orientalism?* (Gediminas st. 44, 203 room)

Mr Julian Hargreaves, British Muslim Communities and 'Everyday' Hate Crime

Ms Samar Samir Mezghanni, The Portrayal of Muslims and Islam in Muslim press in the UK

Discussant: Ms Rimgailė Dikšaitė